

Business East.

ONTARIO.

E. Beatty, grocer, Windsor, is dead.
 Keena, grocer, Parkdale, has sold out.
 Wm. Esson, blacksmith, Petrolia, is dead.
 W. S. Lore, furniture, Picton, has been sold out.
 George Baker, saloon keeper, Toronto, is dead.
 Thomas Gibson, hotel keeper, Toronto, is dead.
 Robert Harris, saloon keeper, Toronto, is dead.
 William Harris, miller, Dugannon, has failed.
 John Patterson, tailor, Hamilton, has assigned.
 Mark Adams, tanner, Norwich, has assigned in trust.
 James Dowdell, cigars, Toronto, has assigned in trust.
 C. J. Ellison, druggist, Sarnia, has assigned in trust.
 Morphy & Nixon, financial agents, Toronto, have dissolved.
 H. C. Collamore, jeweler, Forest, has assigned in trust.
 Charles Livingstone, baker, Dresden, has assigned in trust.
 G. T. Huber, confectioner, Kincardine has moved to Creemore.
 Dickens Bros., confectioners, Woodstock, have assigned in trust.

The bailiff is in possession of the furniture store of Thomas Jarvis, Hamilton.
 J. Cameron, general storekeeper, Deseronto, is advertising his business for sale.
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 S. C. B. Richardson, of the firm of Barnswell & Richardson, publishers, London, is dead.
 Talson, Scott & Co., millers, Highgate, have dissolved, T. H. Scott remaining from the firm.
 Sherwood & Stewart, instruments, Barrie, have dissolved. William Stewart will continue alone.
 Nicholson & Allan, contractors, Ottawa, have dissolved. W. A. Allan will continue alone.
 D. McFarlane, boots and shoes, Port Elgin. The stock has been sold and he has gone out of business.
 McCaul & Cayley, real estate and financial agents, Toronto, have dissolved. T. H. McCaul continues.

QUEBEC.

Bazinet & Co., feathers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Duhamel & Frere, furniture, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Edward Doheney, fruit, Montreal, has been burned out.
 Moore & Griffin, boiler makers, Montreal, have dissolved.
 Herbert & Frere, tobaccos and cigars, Montreal, have dissolved.
 A. Laporte's stock of drugs, Montreal, has been damaged by fire.
 Robert McCready, of the firm of Robert McCready & Co., manufacturers of boots and shoes, Montreal, is dead.

J. A. Dent, general store keeper, Buckingham, has assigned in trust.
 Robertsons, Linton & Co., wholesale dry goods, Montreal, have dissolved. The business will be continued by Robert Linton and J. A. Robertson.
 Prevost, Herbert & Prevost, wholesale and retail hardware, Montreal, have dissolved. The business will be continued by S. Prevost, Z. Prevost, S. A. Brazier and R. A. Lalonde, under the style of Prevost, Prevost & Co.

NOVA SCOTIA.

T. E. Cann, general store, Oyster Pond, has assigned.
 Hannah Ritcey, general storekeeper, Kempt, has assigned.
 P. A. Chaplin, dry goods, Halifax, has assigned in trust.
 A Sheriff's sale of the goods of John Nash & Co., mineral waters, Halifax, is advertised.
 Wier & Drake, grocer, Halifax, have dissolved. Chas. S. Drake will continue the business.

Thomas Holloway, of the firm of Thomas Holloway & Co., block makers, Halifax, is dead.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

A. J. Vennor, general store, Campbellton, has assigned.
 Edward Simpson, general storekeeper, Gagetown, is dead.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

M. J. Foley, general storekeeper, Souris, has sold out.

Bradstreet's Commercial Summary.

The general movement of merchandise throughout the United States, as reported by special telegrams to Bradstreet's, has not specially improved during the week. It may be said in detail of dry goods, which tended downward all through 1884 until 1885, that they on the whole are higher and firmer than a month ago, with a better feeling. The advances recorded in cotton goods are sustained. Housekeeping linens have advanced 10 per cent. in foreign markets. Iron may yet go lower (pig), as coal is cheaper to eastern furnaces, but definite statements on this point are difficult to obtain. The money market in most centres is stronger, owing to the improved demand for funds to make annual settlements. Cotton is steady, with future prices depending much upon the movement of supplies from this date. Special telegrams from many southern towns report the amount of cotton remaining unmarketed very light comparatively, and indications pointing to lessened receipts. The wool trade has been fairly active for the season, and movements of buyers indicate increased confidence. There has been no material change in values. The anthracite coal market has brought lower prices for coal in large quantities, the late reduction of 75c per ton for steam sizes having increased to \$1 to \$1.25 per ton to pig iron makers and others. Reading's unexpectedly ready acquiescence in the lowest rate, which it announced as acceptable, points to the pressure by the unlooked-for reduction in prices in various contracts made by other companies for season delivery. Petro-

leum has been dull and steady. A special telegram to Bradstreet's from St. Paul states that reports from all western and northwestern cattle ranches are gloomy, and the further west the worse they are. Out of 215,000 cattle driven into Montana but 182,000 will survive the severity of the weather. Word comes from Charleston that naval stores operations during 1884 have been the most unprofitable since the war. Cotton collections in the same territory have been generally good. The breadstuffs market has experienced a marked change. The bulls are in charge, and representatives of that side of the market in New York declare that they have got control of "all the outlying wheat in the country," that "the visible supply will hereafter decline steadily," that "wheat has sold long enough at a point below the cost of production," and that the era of higher prices therefore has set in. The quarterly report of stocks of wheat and flour at London and Liverpool, in equivalent bushels of wheat lend emphasis to this view:

	1884.	1884.
	Dec. 31.	Sept. 1 & Oct. 1.
London	4,242,500	6,630,771
Liverpool	3,926,599	4,843,356
Total wheat and flour	8,169,099	11,204,127
	1884.	1883.
	June 30.	Dec. 31.
London	5,333,359	10,103,461
Liverpool	4,636,590	8,566,073
Total wheat and flour	9,970,279	18,699,537

The least that can be said is that at no time for over a year has there appeared to be so strong a movement for an advance in prices of wheat and flour, backed by the statistical position of the products, when supplies at home and abroad are considered. Abroad, the only dissenting view is based on the prospects of favorable harvesting in Australia, as India and Russia do not interfere at present. No. 2 red wheat has advanced 5c on the week to 88c, and is firm. From Chicago word comes by wire as follows: The wheat market is very buoyant, it is unquestionably largely in the control of strong men who have gone in for a long campaign, and there is already some good outside buying. The opposition of the bears is feeble. Their principal claim is that the quantity of wheat that has left first hands in the northwest has been overestimated, and that last week's estimates of the visible supply were incorrect. Some of these who are considered good authorities go so far as to say that the price will yet be lower than it has been on this crop. Indian corn is higher and firm at the advance. The late squeeze is maintained for cash, No. 2 mixed, closing at 54½c against 51½c on December 26. Small stocks well in hand explain it. Provisions are higher in sympathy with the above. Lard closes at 7.40c, a gain of 10 points, and pork at \$12.75, a gain of 25c per barrel. There were 366 failures in the United States during the past week reported to Bradstreet's, as compared with 278 in the preceding week, and with 282, 257 and 152 respectively in the corresponding weeks of 1884, 1883 and 1882. About 80 per cent. were those of small traders whose capital was less than \$5,000. Canada had 15, a decrease of 18.